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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR: TRIPARTITE
PROPOSAL

1. IN COURSE OF COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR APRIL 3
(ORIGINALLY SET FOR EARLY MARCH BUT POSTPONED BECAUSE OF
AMBASSADOR'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON), YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR
KREACIC NOTED PRESS REPORT OF TRIPARTITE PROPOSAL AND
ASKED AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS. KREACIC ADDED THAT PROPOSAL
HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD AFTER YUGOSLAVS HAD CONCLUDED THAT
KIM IL SUNG WOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MEET WITH PARK.
THUS, PROPOSAL ENVISAGED TRIPARTITE MEETING AT LESS THAN
SUMMIT LEVEL.

2. AMBASSADOR SAID WE KNEW VERY LITTLE ABOUT PROPOSAL,
BUT THAT US WAS IN FAVOR OF NORTH-SOUTH MEETINGS AT WHAT-
EVER LEVEL. HE NOTED WE HAD PROPOSED MEETINGS IN VARIOUS
FRAMEWORKS IN PAST, E.G., INVOLVING PRC AND SOVIETS AS
WELL, AND HAD CONSISTENTLY TAKEN POSITION THAT ONLY
ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT WAS THAT ROK BE FULLY REPRESENTED.
TRIPARTITE IDEA WAS THUS CONSISTENT WITH OUR VIEWS AND WE
HOPED IT COULD SUCCEED.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO KREACIC'S QUESTION, AMBASSADOR SAID WE
DID NOT KNOW OFFICIAL ROK VIEWS ON PROPOSAL, HAVING ONLY
SEEN REPORTS IN PRESS OF KOREAN MOFA OFFICIALS COMMENTING
IN SEOUL ON MAINICHI STORY. ASKED WHETHER AND HOW
PYONGYANG HAD RESPONDED, KREACIC SAID HE WAS NOT INFORMED.
HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE UNLIKE TITO TO

HAVE ADVANCED THIS PROPOSAL WITHOUT FIRST HAVING ASCERTAINED WITH SOME DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE THAT DPRK WOULD NOT OPPOSE IT.

4. AMBASSADOR ASKED KREACIC WHO HE THOUGHT LEAKED STORY TO MAINICHI, NOTING THAT "EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS" WERE REPORTED SOURCE. KREACIC SAID STORY CERTAINLY DID NOT COME FROM YUGOSLAVS; HE THOUGHT RESPONSIBLE QUARTER WAS SOMEONE OPPOSED TO PROPOSAL, SINCE STORY WAS "FRAMED IN MANNER DETRIMENTAL TO ITS SUCCESS".

5. KREACIC ASKED AMBASSADOR WHETHER WE HAD NOTED ANYTHING UNUSUAL IN DPRK RESPONSE TO TEAM SPIRIT. AMBASSADOR COULD RECALL NEWSPAPERS HERE CARRYING ONLY ONE REPORTED NORTH KOREAN REACTION, TONE OF WHICH WAS ABOUT WHAT ONE WOULD EXPECT.

6. RETURNING TO KOREA AFTER TOUR D'HORIZON OF OTHER SUBJECTS, AMBASSADOR REITERATED THAT TRIPARTITE PROPOSAL WAS ENCOURAGING INITIATIVE FOR REDUCING TENSION ON PENINSULA, AND INsofar AS IT ENVISAGED FULL PARTICIPATION BY ROK, WE HOPED IT COULD SUCCEED.
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